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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Larry Eugene Steidl and  
George Michael Stoila, Jr.  
FOR : TIRE CURING SYSTEM AND METHOD  
SERIAL NO. : 10/603,635  
FILED : June 25, 2003  
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EXAMINER : Mathieu D. Vargot  
GROUP ART UNIT : 1732  
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AMENDMENT B

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 4, 2006, please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.